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1. VIETNAM/CHINA

PRC SAID MONDAY AT LEAST 400 VIET TROOPS--TWICE NUMBER
REPORTER EARLIER--HAVE DUG TRENCHES/LAID BARBED WIRE ON
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STRATEGIC CHINESE HILL/MADE RAIDS THAT APPARENTLY PENE-
TRATED CHINA DEEPER THAN EVER BEFORE, UP TO 2/3 MI. GIVING
DEATILS OF FRI BORDER SKIRMISH, NCNA MONDAY SAID HANOI'S
EFFORT TO "SPY OUT AND NIBBLE CHINESE LAND" HAD "AROUSED
GREAT INDIGNATION" AMONG CHINESE AT FRIENDSHIP PASS.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS PEKING COULD BE HANDICAPPED IN
RESPONDING QUICKLY TO VIET MOVES BECAUSE CCP CHRMN HUA KUO-
FENG, WHO ALSO HEADS PLA, IS ABROAD. NOTES, ALTHO PRC HAD
SA-D 4 CHINESE REFUGEES KILLED TRYING FLEE VN FRI, MONDAY

NCNA SUGGESTED AT LEAST 7 KILLED (ALSO REUTER'S PRITCHETT PEKING 8/28).

WARNING IT MIGHT USE MIL FORCE TO ROUT 400 VIET SOLDIERS FROM CHINA, PRC RECALLED ITS CHIEF DEL TO 2-WK-OLD TALKS IN HANOI ON STATUS OF ETHNIC CHINESE. SUN'S PARKS (HK) QUOTES W DIPLOS WHO DESCRIBED SITUATION AS GRAVE, SINCE PEKING

CERTAIN TO RESPOND TO CONTINUED VIET OCCUPATION CHINESE TERRITORY. NOTES VN, HOWEVER, GAVE NO INDICATION IT WOULD BACK DOWN, BLAMING CHINESE FOR FRI INCIDENT AS WELL AS VIOLATIONS OF VIET WATERS BY CHINESE SHIPS PICKING UP ETHNIC CHINESE. JOC REPORTS HANOI SAID MONDAY IT HAD CAPTURED 6 CHINESE BOATS IN VIET WATERS 8/13.

IN 4TH SESSION OF VIET-CHINESE TALKS, SRV ACCUSED PRC OF ASSEMBLING "TENS OF THOUSANDS" SABOTEURS READY CROSS INTO VN (BGLOBE HK 8/27; JOC 8/28). THO CHINA'S CHIEF DEL TO TALKS RETURNED TO PEKING, REUTER'S PRITCHETT (PEKING) QUOTES SOURCES THAT TALKS HAVE NOT BROKEN OFF.

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AT FAREWELL BRIONI SUPPER TUES, HUA WOUND UP YUGOSLAV VISIT W/ANOTHER ATTACK ON SOVIETS BY SUPPORTING TITO REGIME'S INDEPENDENT STANCE, STRESSING RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO SOVEREIGNTY/EQUALITY. MEANWHILE, BULGARIA WADED IN W/HARSH NEW ATTACK ON HUA, CHARGING HE HAD TRIED SOW DISSENT/ MISTRUST DURING EUR TRIP (REUTER'S LOCKLEY).

UPI (JOC BELGRADE) REPORTS HUA/TITO CONCLUDED FORMAL TALKS 8/28, DETERMINED FURTHER TO DEEPEN SINO-YUGOSLAV COOP.

HK'S 2 LEADING COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS REPORT ABOUT 300,000 TOURISTS HAVE VISITED PRC SO FAR THIS YR, ALL BUT 50,000 CHINESE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. ADDED THAT PEKING NOW ALLOWS TOURISTS VISIT MORE THAN 100 CITIES, HISTORIC/SCENIC SPOTS/ INDUSTRIAL/AGRIC SITES (AP, WP).

3. VIETNAM

CODEL RETURNED MONDAY FROM VN/LAOS W/RECOMMENDATION THAT ADMIN IMMEDIATELY RENEW DISCUSSIONS ON NORMALIZATION RELS W/SRV. SPEAKING TO PRESS, REP MONTGOMERY (D-MISS) SAID VIETS MADE IT CLEAR THERE WOULD BE NO CONDITION OF US AID. PRESENTING DISSENTING VIEWS, REP HALL (D-TEX) SAID HE'S NOT PERSUADED "WE SHOULD FALL ALL OVER OURSELVES TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT US TO DO." REP MOORE (R-LA) SAID HE'S NOT CONVINCED IT'S IN US INTERESTS TO BARGAIN AT THIS TIME, THO "IT'S CLEARLY IN THEIR INTERESTS" (REUTER

ANDREWS AF BASE 8/28/WASHINGTON).

CODEL ALSO SAID VN HAS FOUND OIL IN MEKONG DELTA/BEGUN PROD, THO NOT IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES. SAID VIETS MAY APPROACH FON FIRMS INTERESTED IN EXPLORATION (REUTER CLARK AF BASE 8/28).

ACCORDING LAT'S MCARTHUR (SINGAPORE 8/25), USSR SECRETLY SHIPPING HANOI SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES MIL EQUIP FOR 1ST UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME SINCE WAR. "IT'S BIG STUFF," ONE SOURCE SAID, REPORTEDLY INCL ARTILLERY/MIL VEHICLES/MISSILES/GROUND-AIR/SURFACE-SURFACE MISSILES. SOME WAS SAID BEEN AIRLIFTED FROM MOSCOW ON HIGH-PRIORITY BASIS.

FRANK SNEPP SAYS HE OWES US TREAS 37,402 DOLS IN PROFITS FROM PUBLICATION "DECENT INTERVAL"--61,590 DOLS MINUS EXPENSES/TAXES. DOJ SAYS SNEPP OWES USG FULL AMOUNT, BUT NOTHING EXPECTED BE PAID UNTIL APPEALS EXHAUSTED (WP'S SEABERRY).

WSTAR (8/27) RUNS "TIME" MAG INTERVIEW BY FRENCHMAN JEAN CLAUD LABRE W/VIET PREMIER PAHM VAN DONG. ON SRV'S TREATMENT ETHNIC CHINESE, VIET SAID: "THERE ARE NO PERSECUTIONS GOING ON HERE"; ON RELS W/KAMPUCHEA, CAMBODIAN POLICY WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE W/O SUPPORT FROM PEKING; ON HANOI'S RELS W/USSR, VIETS BELIEVE NOTHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN IND/FREEDOM AND IT'S ONLY NATURAL MAINTAIN CLOSE RELS W/OTHER SOCIALISTS COUNTRIES. ON RE-EDUC CENTERS, ALL FOREIGNERS WHO VISIT AGREE PROGRAM IS SUCCESS; ON RELS W/US, NORMALIZATION WELL UNDERWAY.

4. VIETNAM/KAMPUCHEA

VIET TROOPS HAVE ENCIRCLED 2 CAMBODIAN DIVISIONS IN MOVE THAT DEALT IRREPARABLE BLOW, ACCORDING FRENCH NEWS REPORTS FROM THAILAND--FUELING SPECULATION CHINESE MIGHT AID KAMPUCHEA IF LOOKS LIKE VIETS MIGHT DEFEAT CAMBODIANS (CSM PARIS).

5. KAMPUCHEA

JANE FONDA/TOM HAYDEN CALL ON PRES CARTER TAKE DIPLO UNCLASSIFIED

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INITIATIVE ON CAMBODIAN SITUATION, WHILE OPPOSING SEN MCGOVERN'S SUGGESTION FOR MIL INTERVENTION (REUTER 8/28).

6. THAILAND

ACCORDING JOC'S LORENZ (BANGKOK) THAILAND OPENING WIDE TO FON CAPITAL TO INVEST IN ARMS MANUFACTURE. QUOTES PM KRIANGSAK, IN 1ST TALK W/PRESS SINCE ASSUMING ROLE OF DEFMIN, THAT RTG ALSO INTENDS BECOME ARMS EXPORTER TO ASEAN COUNTRIES/IS ALREADY SELLING 500-LB BOMBS ABROAD. PM SAID FUTURE EXPORTS INCL AMMUNITION FOR GRANADE LAUNCHERS, ROCKETS, RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS, MORTARS, LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

IN CURRENT WEAPONS BUYING SPREE, LORENZ QUOTES ONE OBSERVER: "THAI GENERALS NEGOTIATE WITH FOREIGN WEAPONS SUPPLIERS ON AN INDEPENDENT BASIS. THEY BUY WHATEVER THEY CAN OBTAIN THROUGH FOREIGN FINANCING, POCKET THE HUGE COMMISSION, AND THE COUNTRY GOES DEEPER INTO DEBT." NOTES BANGKOK PRESS FULL OF PHOTOS OF HIGH MIL FIGURES RECEIVING OVERSEAS FINANCE CO EXECES, BUT SAYS US HAMSTRUNG BECAUSE OF NEW REGS AFFECTING KICKBACKS. NOTES KRIANGSAK GAVE STARTLING APPRAISAL OF INSURGENCY SITUATION IN THAILAND AT NEWS CONF: "COMMUNISTS HAVE INFLTRATED VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE KINGDOM," HE SAID. "I WANT EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED IN HUNTING" THEM DOWN.

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE, LORENZ SAYS THAI BEANS, NOW AMONG THAILAND'S TOP 10 EXPORTS, INCREASING IN DEMAND, ESP IN JAPAN, W/'78 CROP EXPECTED BRING IN BETWN 60-72 MIL DOLS.

7. JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ PARLIAMENTARY DEL LEFT TUES FOR MOSCOW FOR EXPECTED TALKS ON FUTURE OF 4 DISPUTED PAC ISLANDS. VISIT BY 5-MEMBER JSP GROUP IS 1ST SINCE TOKYO-PEKING SIGNED PFT.
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AUTO MANUFACTURERS ASSN REVEALED 8/28 THAT JAPAN EXPORTED 389,162 CARS IN JULY, 2.9 PCT MORE THAN JULY LAST YR (UPI, JOC). REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPANESE VEHICLE EXPORTS TO US DECLINED 4 PCT OVER SAME PERIOD.

TOYOTA MOTORS SAYS IT HAS DECIDED BUILD AUTO ASSEMBLY PLANT IN US, AND JERSEY CITY IS ONE OF SEVERAL LOCATIONS BEING CONSIDERED (UPI, JOC).

8. JAPAN/KOREA

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S POLICY TOWARD KOREAN PENINSULA FOLLOWING SIGNING OF SINO-JAPANESE PFT IS EXPECTED BE MAIN TOPIC AT JAPAN-SK CONF IN SEOUL NEXT WK. SAYS SESSION ALSO WILL TOUCH ON PLANNED W/DRAWAL US GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA, JAPAN-SK TRADE IMBALANCE, AND SK TERRITORIAL DISPUTE OVER TAKESHIMA ISLAND. GOJ OFFICIALS SAY THEIR TEAM, HEADED BY SONODA, WILL MEET W/7 SK MINISTERS,

INCLUDING PARK TON JIM, AT MEETING ON SUNDAY/MONDAY; ADD THAT SEOUL PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT CHANGES IN GOJ POLICY TOWARD KOREAN PENINSULA AFTER TREATY SIGNING W/ PEKING.

9. KOREA

UK EMB SAYS BRITISH MIN OF STATE FOR DEFENSE GILBERT WILL VISIT SEOUL NEXT MONTH FOR TALKS ON SALES OF BRITISH ARMS.

10. BURMA

IN 2ND ARTICLE FROM BURMA, JOC'S LORENZ VISITS MON ARMY HDQTRS. SAYS DURING 3 DECADES BURMESE IND, MONS HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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CHEATED OUT OF POL VOICE/AUTONOMY W/IN BURMESE FEDERATION. WHILE INSURGENCY GOES ON, SAYS THIS YR PRICE OF ANTIMONY WHICH HELPS FINANCE OPRNS HAS GONE DOWN. NOTES IF NEW TRADE AGREEMENTS BEING DISCUSSED BY THAI/BURMA GOVTS RESULT IN BLOCKING BACK-COUNTRY, OVER-THE-BORDER ORE DELIVERIES, FIGHTING POWER OF ANTI-BURMESE FORCES IN AREA WILL BE SEVERELY AFFECTED.

11. INDONESIA

GOI HAS BANNED ALL CIVIL SERVANTS/MEMBERS OF MIL FROM NIGHTCLUBS, SAUNA PARLORS, GAMBLING HOUSES. UNDER GOVT AUSTERITY PROG, THESE ALSO BARRED FROM GIVING/ACCEPTING GIFTS/TRAVELING ABROAD W/O PERMISSION (REUTER JAKARTA, PHINQ).

UPI (JAKARTA, JOC) QUOTES INDO MINES/ENERGY MIN THAT GOI NOT WORRIED OVER US' STALLING ON PURCHASES OF LNG FROM ARUN. IF NO DECISION REACHED IN OCT, DEAL IS OFF, HE SAID IN SPEECH BROADCAST BY ANTAR.

12. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS ATTACKED CRITICS OF HUMAN RTS POLICIES IN DEVEL COUNTRIES MONDAY/CALLED ON DEVELOPED WORLD ACT SPEEDILY TO BRING ABOUT NEW ECON ORDER OR FACE MAJOR DISLOCATION. SPEAKING AT OPENING OF 58TH INTL LAW ASSOC CONF IN MANILA, MARCOS DEFENDED HIS MARTIAL LAW GOVT, AS DESIGNED SPEED UP REFORM/ENHANCE LIFE OF PEOPLE. PRES VIEWS INDIRECTLY CHALLENGED BY LAWYERS FROM OTHER DEVEL COUNTRIES, BUT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG SPEAKERS THAT CHANGE IN INTL ECON ORDER NECESSARY IF POOR COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE HUMAN RTS PERFORMANCE.

IN VEILED ATTACK ON US, MARCOS CRITICIZED DEVEL NATIONS FOR USING HUMAN RTS AS COVER FOR "NEW MORAL IMPERIALISM"/STRUCK

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BACK AT CRITICS, SAYING DEVEL COUNTRIES HAVE NO RIGHT ACT AS OMBUDSMEN FOR FILIPINOS (REUTER 8/28; AP, SUN; WP--ALL MANILA; WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

CSM'S HUGHES NOTES PENDING SINO-US STUDENT EXCHANGES/SHARP INCREASES IN US TRADE W/PRC/GREATER TRAFFIC IN TOURISTS AND VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGS. SAYS ALONG W/THIS GOES "SOME STRIKING NEW CHINESE THINKING" ON EXTENT TO WHICH US/OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN CHINA'S INDUSTRIALIZATION/MODERNIZATION. SEES GOOD REASONS FOR BELIEVING QUIET NEGOTS GOING ON BETWN CHINESE AND SOME US OIL FIRMS FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION/PERHAPS DEVELOPMENT OF PRC OIL RESOURCES. ADDS THAT PRC DOES "NOT AT ALL" RULE OUT EXPORT OF OIL TO US.

HUGHES NOTES RECENT KWANGMING JIH PAO ARTICLE DISCUSSED "IN TERMS THAT MUST BE TANTALIZING" TO INTL BIG BUSINESS THE ACCEPTABILITY OF CHINA'S PERMITTING FOREIGNERS DEVELOP ITS "MINES, FORESTS AND OIL FIELDS." SAYS THO THERE MAY BE DIVERSIONS/DELAYS, FACT SEEMS THAT US IS HEADED FOR "MUCH MORE INTIMATE" RELS W/PEKING. CAUTIONS "THIS WILL DEMAND INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF AMERICANS." NOTING CHINESE VISITORS SAY AMERICANS NO LONGER TREAT THEM LIKE "MEN FROM MARS," BUT NOW ASK SEARCHING/PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS, HUGHES SAYS "THIS IS ALL TO THE GOOD." SEES AMERICANS EMBARKED ON NEW RELS WHICH, THO BENEFICIAL TO US, IN MANY RESPECTS IS LIKELY BECOME "INCREASINGLY COMPLEX."

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CHILDS (WP), NEWLY RETURNED FROM PRC, SAYS US POSITION TODAY IN RELATION TO FORCES TRYING PUSH CHINA OUT OF FROZEN POSTURE OF PAST IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. SEES OPENING TO WORLD CARRYING POTENTIAL DANGERS FOR PRC LEADERSHIP, SINCE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG CHINESE BEING SENT TO STUDY IN THE WEST, AND SEEING STRIKING CONTRAST TO AUSTERITY OF THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE MAY UNDERMINE THEIR LOYALTY. BUT MAINTAINS FORCES OF CHANGE THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED CANNOT BE REVERSED SHORT OF DISASTER AND RETURN TO FRAGMENTED PEASANT-FARM ECON--AND FACT THAT SUCH DISASTER WOULD HAVE PROFOUNDLY UNSETTLING EFFECT IN NORTH PACIFIC CANNOT BE DOUBTED, SINCE WOULD GIVE SOVIETS UPPER HAND, COULD MEAN 2 GREAT COMMUNIST POWERS COMING TOGETHER AGAIN.

GLOBE'S WM HENRY REVIEWS "FUTURE OF CHINA," BY ROSS TERRILL. NOTES TERRILL SUGGESTION THAT MOST CHINESE EVEN MORE BAFLED THAN WE AT JUST HOW/WHY CHINESE "CAME TO BE OUR FRIENDS." TERRILL ALSO WONDERS HOW "THE OLD RALLYING CRIES" AGAINST "IMPERIALISM"/"CAPITALIST ROADERS" MEAN ANYTHING TO PEASANT FARMER IF RICHEST WESTERN POWER IS TO

BE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY/BIGGEST COMMUNIST COLLEAGUE TO BE SEEN AS THREAT. ALSO SUGGESTS THAT W/O MAO'S MORAL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT ILLOGICAL POSITIONS FROM CHALLENGE, PRC INEVITABLY MUST RETURN TO SOCIALIST PURITY/BECOME AT LEAST AS CLOSE TO SOVIETS AS TO US. TERRILL THINKS THAT MOVEMENT WILL BE LED, NOT BY HUA, BUT BY TENG.

HENRY SEES TERRILL'S THESIS AS "SOMEWHAT SHAKY JUST NOW," AS HUA TOURS EUROPE, BERATING SOVIETS. NOTES OTHER CHINA SCHOLARS HAVE DISMISSED THIS BOOK AS DEPENDENT OF OLD INTERVIEWS/ALREADY OUT OF DATE; BUT FEELS FOR EVEN MODERATELY WELL-INFORMED LAYMAN, TERRILL OFFERS IDEAS NOT FOUND IN DAILY NEWSPAPERS. NOTES FEW IF ANY JOURNALISTS HAVE SAID, AS DOES TERRILL, THAT TENG IS ARDENTLY PRO-SOVIET, AND IF HE IS RIGHT, "WE HAVE BEEN GRIEVOUSLY MIS-UNCLASSIFIED

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LED." CONCLUDES TERRILL--WHETHER THRU CONVICTION OR MERE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN HIS CONTACTS--IS TOO MUCH APOLOGIST FOR PEKING, DANCES AWAY FROM DISCUSSING MORAL OBLIGATION WE HAVE TOWARD TAIWAN/ACCOMPANYING RIGHT OF PEOPLE THERE TO GOVERN THEMSELVES. CLAIMS TERRILL HAS PRODUCED "REPETITIOUS HASH" OF TORTURED METAPHORS/GRAMMATICAL ERRORS/RAMBLING, CONTRADICTORY SPECULATION/ENDLESS, NEEDLESS CROSS-REFERENCES FROM CHAPTER TO CHAPTER; INDEX SLOPPY, TOO, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND PARTICULAR POINT. SAYS BOOK JUST BARELY SALVAGED FROM UNREADABILITY BY ANECDOTES/SOME DOWN-TO-EARTH APPENDICES, AMONG "PARTY CLAPTRAP" ABOUT HOW KEEP "SUPPOSEDLY NONEXISTENT" STREET CRIMINALS FROM STEALING ONE'S BICYCLE.

LAT'S MATHEWS (HK 8/28) NOTES CHINESE PUBLIC HAS BEEN TOLD FOR 1ST TIME BY GOVT ABOUT PERILS OF SMOKING CIGARETTES. CITES PUZZLEMENT OF FTC CHRMN PERTSCHUK THAT PRC HAS NOT ATTEMPTED PROHIBIT PRACTICE, NOTES KWANGMING DAILY NOW SUPPLIES ANSWER OF SORTS, LAYING BLAME ON "GANG OF 4." SUGGESTS MORE PLAUSIBLE REASON FOR CHINA'S PREVIOUS HESITATION TO CONDEMN SMOKING IS THAT LEADERSHIP REALIZED, OFTEN FROM 1ST-HAND EXPERIENCE, THAT IT WAS NOT EASY TO BREAK HABIT. ADDS THAT SMOKING IS INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT OF CHINESE HOSPITALITY, GOVT APPEARS HAVE FINANCIAL STAKE IN PROMOTING CIGARETTE CONSUMPTION, HAS FOUND WELCOME EXPORT MRKTS FOR ITS TOBACCO IN ASIA/AFRICA. SUGGESTS ONE REASON MAO'S SUCCESSORS SHOULD SUDDENLY BEGIN CRUSADING

AGAINST TOBACCO IS THAT DOCTORS CONVINCED THEM CANCER HAS REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS.

WP'S DODER (MOSCOW 8/27) NOTES SOVIET POLITBURO CAUTIONED WEST 8/26 AGAINST SUPPLYING PRC ARMS. OBSERVES THAT STATEMENT OF THIS KIND FROM POLITBURO "IS RARE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERALLY INDICATES THE ISSUE IS OF DEEP CONCERN" TO

KREMLIN LEADERSHIP. SAYS WHILE THERE IS NO INDICATION US NOW PREPARED SUPPLY PEKING ARMS, INDICATIONS THAT CHINA MAY ACQUIRE MORE WESTERN MIL EQUIP/TECH HAVE FUELED SOVIET'S WORST FEAR--HAVING HOSTILE/POWERFUL FORCES W/LINKS TO EACH OTHER ON BOTH FLANKS. FEELS WHILE SEVERAL EVENTS IN RECENT WKS--ESPECIALLY CONCLUSION OF SINO-JAPANESE PFT/HUA'S EUR VISIT--HAVE HEIGHTENED SOVIET CONCERN OVER PEKING'S CHALLENGE, POLITBURO STATEMENT INDICATED FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN IS POSSIBILITY WEST MAY DECIDE PROVIDE PRC ARMS, AND THAT IS KIND OF COOP WOULD TILT STRATEGIC/POL BALANCE AGAINST USSR.

WSJ'S FRANK CHING (HK 8/25) CITES RECENT KWANGMING JIH PAO ARTICLE THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO LET FOREIGNERS DEVELOP THEIR "MINES, FORESTS AND OIL FIELDS." SEES ARTICLE LAYING THEORETICAL GROUNDWORK TO JUSTIFY ANY CHANGES IN PRC ECON POLICIES, AND WAS CLEARLY MEANT TO GIVE CHINESE LEADERSHIP MORE FLEXIBILITY IN ITS ECON/FINANCIAL DEALINGS.

REUTER'S PRITCHETT (IN TIENTSIN 8/25) FINDS ENCLAVE OF FON TRADITIONS--CAFE SOCIETY WHERE YOUNG MEN SIT IN RESTAURANTS LANGUIDLY SIPPING COFFEE OR LEMONADE, NIBBLING PASTRIES, SMOKING CIGARETTES IN LONG HOLDERS--WHICH HAS SURVIVED ALMOST 30 YRS OF COMMUNISM/EARTHQUAKE, TO RETAIN LOOK OF FADING ELEGANCE.

TO CSM'S HARSCH (8/25), THIS SEEMS CLIMAX OF SEASON OF TROUBLES FOR KREMLIN. NOTES MEN OF USSR "HUFF AND PUFF, COMPLAIN, WARN, BLUSTER," BUT "NO ONE SEEMS TO PAY ANY ATTENTION," NOTHING SAID IN OR FROM MOSCOW DETERRED CEAUSESCU/TITO FROM HOSTING HUA.

BOURNE (CSM BELGRADE 8/28) FINDS PRC ASSUMING "NEW STATUS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND POTENTIAL INFLUENCE" IN WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AS RESULT OF HUA'S FORAYS INTO EUR. SAYS CHINA'S NEWLY RECOGNIZED INFLUENCE SEEPS THRU ACID REACTIONS OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP AND PRESS TO HUA'S TRAVELS, AND IT INEVITABLY

MUST LEAD TO NEW TURN IN INTL COMMUNIST AFFAIRS, WITH TREMENDOUS IMPORT FOR FUTURE.

STAN KARNOW (SUN 8/28) COMPLAINS THAT TO ALARMING EXTENT, US PRESIDENCY IS BECOMING PR OPERATION IN WHICH RATINGS PREVAIL OVER SUBSTANCE. SAYS CARTER NOT UNIQUE IN THAT RESPECT. "NIXON'S TRIP TO PEKING IN 1972 WAS MORE OF A TV SPECTACULAR THAN A DIPLOMATIC EXERCISE."

KEVIN PHILLIPS (BALT NA 8/24) CONSIDERS GEO BUSH'S POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY "SERIOUS AND CREDIBLE," IN PART BECAUSE OF HIS SERVICE AT USLO.

JIM BISHOP (BALT NA 8/24) SAYS NIXON'S "FLAW WAS THAT HE BELIEVED HIMSELF." NOTES IN SHANGHAI, HE SALUTED CHOU W/WORDS: "THIS WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE WEEK WE CHANGED THE WORLD"; BUT "IT CHANGED NOTHING. THE CHINESE SAID THEY WOULD NOT EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH US UNTIL WE TURNED OUR BACKS ON TAIWAN. WE DIDN'T."

BILL KAZER (CSM 8/25) NOTES ROC "HAS QUIETLY HINTED" IT HAS ITS OWN CARD TO PLAY--TURNING TO SOVIETS FOR HELP--IF US NORMALIZES RELS W/PEKING. BUT SAYS WHETHER TAIPEI WOULD EVER ACTUALLY PLAY "RUSSIAN CARD" IS QUITE ANOTHER MATTER. CONTENTS ACTUALLY TAIWAN STEP TOWARD SOVIETS WOULD BE POLITICALLY UNPROFITABLE, MIGHT EVEN BOOMERANG. SAYS MOSCOW WOULD HARDLY BE WILLING SABOTAGE ITS OWN HOPES OF MENDING FENCES W/PEKING BY GRANTING ROC FORMAL RECOGNITION; AND AS TAIPEI-MOSCOW ALLIANCE WOULD BE VIEWED W/ALARM IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PEKING, IT WOULD BE FAR MORE LIKELY TO PROVOKE RATHER THAN PREVENT CHINESE ATTACK ON ROC.

GEN T R MILTON (USAR RET) PROTESTS IDEA OF SINO-US NORMALIZATION. MAINTAINS "IN THIS WHOLE WIDE WORLD WE HAVE ONLY ONE OR TWO FRIENDS AS GOOD AS THOSE ON TAIWAN" (COLORADO SPRING SUN, 8/7).

14. VIETNAM/LAOS

SPEAKING ON NBC TV'S "TODAY" SHOW (8/28), REP MOORE (R-LA) SAID MONTGOMERY CODEL SAW NEW INTEREST ON PART OF VIETS/LAOTIANS IN RETURNING MIA REMAINS. NOTED IN HANOI VIETS HAVE FULL-TIME CMTE WORKING ON ID.

LAT'S CIMONS (8/25) SEES REP MONTGOMERY'S TRIP AS "CURRIOS ABOUTFACE" FOR HAWK ON VIET WAR WHO IN '66 REJECTED "APPEASEMENT OR SOFT TALK"/CALLED FOR "EVERYTHING MILITARILY POSSIBLE TO BRING THE ENEMY TO HIS KNEES." QUOTES MONTGOMERY PRESS AIDE THAT HE RECOGNIZES VN AS COUNTRY TO BE RECKONED WITH, THAT TIMES HAVE CHANGED, THAT

WE'RE NOT AT WAR ANYMORE. ARTICLE OUTLINES PERSONAL/PROF
LIFE OF MONTGOMERY.

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND SAYS WHAT IS CLEAR FROM CODEL IS THAT
VIETS HAVE INDICATED AT HIGHEST LEVEL THEY ARE EAGER FOR
RELS W/US/WILL DROP PRECONDITIONS. NOTES SOME US OFFICIALS
SAY UNCERTAINTIES OF CONFLICTS BETWN SRV/ITS NEIGHBORS
MAKE THEM WARY OF MOVING TOO QUICKLY TO NORMALIZE. OTHERS
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